

actions below to focus on in the coming year. This will likely have a few changes over the course of the year, but it is our blueprint for activity that we want to step out on in the next 12 months.

- Maximize use of federal infrastructure funds by applying to the NC Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for projects
- Identify and prioritize Pine Knoll Shores capital improvement plan items for utilizations with federal infrastructure funds
- Working with the town Police and Fire department chiefs, identify the ideal fully credentialed/trained/certified skill roster for all 22 town public safety full-time employees
- Develop a succession plan for paid staff
- Identify improved outreach strategy to second-home owners—and use summer HOA meeting schedules to capitalize on this
- Working with the NC Department of Recovery and Resilience, develop a prioritized list of resilience-focused initiatives in Pine Knoll Shores
- Modernize the town's water table monitoring effort with the use of technology
- Examine development-related ordinances as part of the Unified Development Ordinance effort
- Start a photographic record of the Pine Knoll Shores dune strength (height/width/density)

Discussion of reserve amounts held by the town. During the budget planning, these levels will be reviewed and measured against our financial policy. There was significant discussion that centered on the need to maintain healthy reserve balances, particularly considering what we experienced following Hurricane Florence and the need for cash reserves.

Water rates. The board discussed the possibility of water rate adjustments for the coming fiscal year in light of capital needs for our system. This will be discussed within the commissioners' Finance Committee, and any final decisions will be part of the FY2022-23 budget.

Staff succession and the workload for the next three years. The board took a look at the planned retirement of the town manager, the town planner and also the building inspector in a little over two years and measured this against the work list that we face right now. We are in a unique period of project planning and management, as well as the necessity to actively monitor and apply for what we believe will be a large amount of federal funding resulting from recent activity in Washington. I have told the board that I think we should consider one additional employee to help us with this. Once again, this will be molded into the budget discussion for the coming year.



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PKA News

By Amry Cox

March is a great time to think about volunteering for any one of the Pine Knoll Association (PKA) committees: Architectural Control Committee (ACC), Audit, Covenants, Communications, Parks, Nominating, Waterways, Long Range Planning, and Website.

Do you live near one of our private HOA common areas? Consider helping as a park captain or volunteer. You will be joining a great group of your neighbors who help keep our common areas in top shape for everyone to enjoy.

It's time to think about signing up for a week of beach duty, and it's easy. Go to the PKA website and click on Register to Volunteer/Volunteer for Ocean Park, select a date (Monday through Sunday), fill out your information and submit. One of the primary duties is raising and lowering the American flag each day, a reward in itself. You also help with taking the waste and recycle bins to the curb on Sunday evenings.

Are you interested in running for a three-year commitment or term on the PKA Board of Directors? Generally, three board positions are up for election and on the ballot each year. Board members must be able to attend monthly board meetings, which are currently held the second Thursday at 6 p.m. and are normally held at town hall. Board members volunteer and serve on committees for which the board is responsible, as well as enforcing our bylaws and covenants. Contact PKA Administrator Cindy Smith if you are interested in running, and you will be contacted by the Nominating Committee.

Mark your calendars for the association annual meeting on Friday, June 17. Our bylaws require that we meet each June for our annual membership meeting. We anticipate we will be able to hold this meeting in person at town hall and will keep you posted as we get closer to the date.

Are you a member of PKA, but are not receiving our periodic member notices via email? Contact Administrator Cindy Smith at the email below, and we will make sure you are included on our email distribution list.

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